Bifurcation of Trivandrum Bound Rajdhani Express

6287. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to bifurcate the present Rajdhani Express of Nizamuddin-Trivandrum into two if so, by when;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many hours the present train takes to cover Nizamuddin-Trivandrum as per its present time schedule;

(d) by when the separate Rajdhani between Nizamuddin-Trivandrum would be introduced and what would be its expected time to cover the distance; and

(e) whether Govrnment would consider the proposal to run this train via Alleppy and also to extend it upto Cape Comorin in view of the tourist traffic?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Operational and resource constraints.

(c) 44 hours 55 minutes in one direction and 44 hours 30 minutes in the other.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Additional Coaches in Kerala and Mangla Express Trains

6288. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much rush is there presently during summer holidays in the South bound trains like Kerala Express and Mangla Express;

(b) whether any review has been undertaken by Government to help the passengers who are unable to get confirmed bookings in both of these trains; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any additional coaches have been attached to these trains; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any special train has been announced to help the harrased passengers; and

(e) if the answers to parts (c) and (d) above be in the negative what steps are being taken to help the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There are some passengers on the waiting list in 2626 Kerala Express and 2618 Mangla Express.

(b) Constant watch is kept on the demand for additional accommodation on various trains route-wise and wherever feasibe and justified, additional coach is provided.

(c) Not so far during May, 1995.

(d) One special train from Nizamuddin on 13.5.95 has been run for Madras and Bangalore, so far.

(e) Does not arise.

Steps to Curb Blackmarketing of Railway Tickets

6289. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3779 given in Rajya Sabha on the 26 April, 1995 and state:

(a) whether warning circular has since been issued to rail reservation staff in Delhi; if so, the details thereof;

(b) who are designated officials to be contacted in case of touts blackmailing and also reservation employees' collusion with racketeers;

(c) whether it is a fact that one supervisiory system of queue management was introduced in Delhi and supervised; if so, how many black-marketeers, touts and unauthorised